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The reply filed on December 2, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's have elected a peptide having formula I wherein n = 2, R₁ = a C₁ to C₂₀ alkyl (including cycloalkyl) group, and X₂ is Arg-Trp for prosecution, (page 4 of response). However, Applicant's have selected embodiments from the 4 page claim that do not match. For instance when n = 1, R₁ may be C₁-C₂₀ alkyl (page 79). However, Applicant's have elected n = 2, and on the second page of the claim when n = 2, despite having 32 possible R₁ combinations with multiple optional substitutions, a C₁-C₂₀ alkyl is not recited. Applicant is again required to elect a single structure for examination, along with a statement as to which claims are encompassed by the elected structure.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or

correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY
BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).



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